



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK

- WHEREAS: School social workers across Georgia serve as vital members in the educational process, playing an essential role in creating a positive school climate and partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success; and
- WHEREAS: School social workers support the educational, social, and emotional development of all students by decreasing the impact of barriers to academic success; and
- WHEREAS: School social workers provide interventions to address challenges such as mental health, behavior difficulties, disabilities, crisis response, poverty, bullying, grief, abuse, neglect, and other hardships to enable students to achieve academic goals; and
- WHEREAS: School social workers provide staff development training and consultation to school staff members, family members, and community stakeholders on issues that impact students' ability to learn. They empower and assist families in accessing resources to improve their circumstances; and
- WHEREAS: School Social Work Week honors those who are committed to ensuring that Georgia's students receive the most out of their educational opportunities by overcoming barriers to learning; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 6–12, 2016, as SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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